

representative of that element testified, presented information to the Committee, or was present at the briefing or hearing the transcript of which is requested for review.

(5) Members of the Committee and Committee staff may discuss and disclose such matters as otherwise directed by the Committee, pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives and these rules.

(C) *Requirement to Protect Sources and Methods.* When discussing or disclosing any information pursuant to section (B), Members of the Committee and Committee staff shall take all necessary steps to safeguard materials or information relating to the matter in question, with due regard for the protection of intelligence sources and methods.

(D) *Records of Closed Proceedings.* Any records or notes taken by any person memorializing material otherwise prohibited from disclosure by Members of the Committee and Committee staff under these rules, including information received in executive session and the substance of any hearing or briefing that was closed to the public, shall remain Committee material subject to these rules and may not be publicly discussed, disclosed, or caused to be publicly discussed or disclosed, unless authorized by the Committee consistent with these rules.

(E) *Non-Disclosure in Proceedings.* Members of the Committee and the Committee staff shall not discuss either the substance or procedure of the work of the Committee with any person not a Member of the Committee or the Committee staff in connection with any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, either during the person's tenure as a Member of the Committee, or of the Committee staff, or at any time thereafter, except as directed by the Committee in accordance with the Rules of the House and these rules.

(F) *Requests for Testimony of Staff*

(1) All Committee staff must, as a condition of employment, agree in writing to notify the Committee immediately of any request for testimony received while a member of the Committee staff, or at any time thereafter, concerning any classified information received by such person while a member of the Committee staff.

(2) Committee staff shall not disclose, in response to any such request for testimony, any such classified information, except as authorized by the Committee in accordance with the Rules of the House and these rules.

(3) In the event of the termination of the Committee, Committee staff will be subject to any determination made by the House of Representatives with respect to any requests for testimony involving classified information received while a member of the Committee staff.

RULE 16.—COMMITTEE STAFF.

(A) *Definition.* In these rules, "Committee staff" or "staff of the Committee" means:

- (1) Employees of the Committee;
- (2) Consultants to the Committee;
- (3) Employees of other Government agencies detailed to the Committee; or
- (4) Any other person engaged by contract, or otherwise, to perform services for, or at the request of, the Committee.

(B) *Appointment of Committee Staff and Security Requirements.*

(1) *Chair's Authority.* Except as provided in subsection (B)(2), the Committee staff shall be appointed, and may be removed, by the Chair and shall work under the general supervision and direction of the Chair.

(2) *Staff Assistance to Minority Membership.* Except as provided in subsection (B)(3) and section (D), and except as otherwise provided by these rules, the Committee staff provided to the Minority party Members of the Committee shall be appointed, and may be removed, by the Ranking Minority Member of

the Committee, and shall work under the general supervision and direction of such Ranking Minority Member.

(3) *Security Clearance Required.* Except as provided in section (C), any offer of employment for a prospective Committee staff position shall be contingent upon:

- (a) The completion of a background investigation, when applicable; and
- (b) A determination by the Chair, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, that requirements for the appropriate security clearances commensurate with the sensitivity of the classified information to which such employee or person will be given access have been met.

(C) *Personnel to Perform Non-Classified Functions of the Committee.* As necessary and on a case-by-case basis, the Chair may appoint Committee staff who shall perform only non-classified functions and administrative tasks of the Committee. Such employees may be appointed without the completion of a formal background investigation. The Staff Director and Security Director shall implement necessary measures to ensure such an employee has no access to any classified information.

(D) *Security and Non-disclosure of Classified Information.* Notwithstanding subsection (B)(2), the Chair shall supervise and direct the Committee staff with respect to the security and non-disclosure of classified information. Committee staff shall comply with requirements necessary to ensure the security and non-disclosure of classified information as determined by the Chair, in consultation with the Ranking Minority Member.

(E) *Other Conditions of Employment.* All Committee staff must, before joining the Committee staff, agree in writing, as a condition of employment, to be bound by the Rules of the House, including the jurisdiction of the Committee on Ethics and of the Committee concerning the security of classified information during and after the period of the employment or contractual agreement of such employee or person with the Committee, and to not to divulge or cause to be divulged any classified information which comes into such person's possession while a member of the Committee staff, to any person not a member of the Committee or the Committee staff, except as authorized by the Committee in accordance with the Rules of the House and these rules.

RULE 17.—COMMITTEE TRAVEL.

(A) *Authority.* The Chair may authorize Members and Committee staff to travel on Committee business.

(B) *Requests.*

(1) *Member Requests.* Members requesting authorization for such travel shall state the purpose and length of the trip, and shall submit such request directly to the Chair.

(2) *Committee Staff Requests.* Committee staff requesting authorization for such travel shall state the purpose and length of the trip, and shall submit such request through their supervisors to the Staff Director and the Chair.

(C) *Notification to Members.*

(1) *Generally.* Members of the Committee shall be notified of all official foreign travel of Committee staff, prior to the commencement of such travel, when the travel is to be conducted without an accompanying Member.

(2) *Content.* All Members of the Committee are to be advised, prior to the commencement of such travel, of its length, nature, and purpose.

(D) *Trip Reports.*

(1) *Generally.* The lead Committee staff accompanying an official Committee travel delegation shall submit a full report of all issues discussed during any travel to the

Chief Clerk within a reasonable period of time following the completion of such trip. For purposes of this rule, the term "reasonable period of time" means:

- (a) No later than 30 days after returning from a foreign trip; and
- (b) No later than 15 days after returning from a domestic trip.

(2) *Availability of Reports.* Such trip reports shall be:

- (a) Available for review by any Member or appropriately cleared Committee staff; and
- (b) Considered executive session material for purposes of these rules.

(E) *Limitations on Travel.*

(1) *Generally.* The Chair may prohibit Committee business travel of Committee staff who fail to comply with the requirements of subsection (D)(1) of this rule.

(2) *Exception.* The Chair may authorize Committee staff to travel on Committee business, notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (D)(1) of this rule:

- (a) At the specific request of a Member of the Committee; or
- (b) In the event there are circumstances beyond the control of the Committee staff hindering compliance with such requirements.

RULE 18.—COMMITTEE RECORDS TRANSFERRED TO THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES.

(A) *Generally.* The records of the Committee at the National Archives and Records Administration shall be made available for public use in accordance with the Rules of the House of Representatives.

(B) *Notice of Withholding.* The Chair shall notify the Ranking Minority Member of any decision, pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives, to withhold a record otherwise available, and the matter shall be presented to the full Committee for a determination of the question of public availability on the written request of any Member of the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 56 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, February 10, 2023, at 11 a.m.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. DOGGETT (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. VAN DUYN, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. BEYER, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BOWMAN, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. CASE, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. CHU, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. CROW, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. DELAUNO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. EVANS, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIMALVA, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms.